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NOVEMBER 21, 1974 MEMORANDUM FOR: FROM: SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT HENRY A. KISSINGER INFORMATION ITEMS

NEW COSVN RESOLUTION CALLS FOR ATTACKS IN 1974-75 DRY SEASON:

A NEW COSVN RESOLUTION

CALLS FOR MAJOR "COUNTER PACIFICATION" EFFORTS DURING THE 1974-75 DRY SEASON. THE FUNDAMENTAL GOALS OF THIS PLAN ARE TO KILL ONE-THIRD OF THE GVN'S MAIN FORCES; NEUTRALIZE ONE-HALF OF THE PSDF; LIBERATE THE BULK OF THE COUNTRYSIDE; OBTAIN RICE; INCREASE THE POPULATION UNDER VC CONTROL AND THE PLAN SAYS COSVN FORCES WILL STRIKE ISOLATE SAIGON. HARD NEAR SAIGON UTILIZING ITS THREE DIVISIONS PLUS ONE NEW DIVISION. ATTACKS ARE TO START IN DECEMBER. THE RESOLUTION NOTES THAT THE GVN HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY WEAKENED BY THE CUTS IN U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID, WHILE "SOCIALIST SUPPORT" FOR THE PARTY HAS BEEN "ABUNDANT." IT FURTHER STATES THAT THE SITUATION HAS TURNED IN THE PARTY'S FAVOR AND "WE NOW HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN AND CAUSE HEAVY SETBACKS ... WHICH WILL TOPPLE THE THIEU GOVERNMENT, FORCE THE ENEMY TO IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND SIGN A SECOND COMMUNIQUE THAT IS ADVANTAGEOUS TO US."

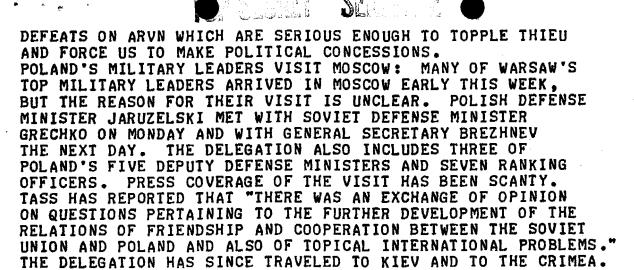
THE RESOLUTION EMPHASIZES THAT THIS CAMPAIGN IS DESIGNED TO INFLICT A SERIOUS -- BUT NOT TOTAL -- DEFEAT ON THE THE STRATEGY WILL BE TO ATTACK ON A "WIDE FRONT DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS AND THEN TO CONCENTRATE ON THE "MOST VULNERABLE PLACES." THE ATTACKS AROUND SAIGON ARE PLANNED TO BE OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO FORCE ARVN TO MOVE A DIVISION FROM THE DELTA TO MILITARY REGION 3. THIS NEW RESOLUTION CLEARLY CALLS FOR A SHARP INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING IN SVN WITHIN A MONTH. WHILE ATTACKS MAY WELL BE HEAVY, THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY BELIEVES THEY WILL NOT APPROACH THE 1972 INTENSITY. HOW-EVER, THE CIA STATION IN SAIGON NOTES THIS RESOLUTION IS SIMILAR TO DIRECTIVE 43 WHICH PRECEDED THE 1972 OFFENSIVE. OUR ESTIMATE IS THEY WILL AT LEAST TRY TO TAKE SOME DISTRICT CAPITALS AND AT LEAST ONE PROVINCE CAPITAL AROUND SAIGON. THEIR ULTIMATE INTENTIONS SEEMS TO BE TO INFLICT MILITARY

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LATIN AMERICA SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA: ECUADOR'S PRESIDENT RODRUGUEZ TOLD THE PRESS LAST WEEK THAT, IN VIEW OF THE FAILURE OF THE QUITO MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS TO VOTE AN END TO CUBAN SANCTIONS, HIS GOVERNMENT WILL NOT RESUME TIES WITH CUBA. HE ALSO CALLED FOR INTER-AMERICAN UNITY TO PRESERVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION WITH REGARD TO CUBA IMMEDIATELY, BUT WILL, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZE CUBA NO LATER THAN NEXT MARCH. APPARENTLY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER TO ACT IN CONCERT WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN REESTABLISHING TIES.

KAISER AND JAMAICA REACH AGREEMENT: KAISER ALUMINUM AND THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAVE REACHED SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON ALL THE MAJOR ISSUES UNDER NEGOTIATION INCLUDING REVENUES, LAND, PARTICIPATION, AND EXPANSION. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT AND OF EXPANSION PLANS UNDER A JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENT IS BEING MADE TODAY. FINAL DETAILS INVOLVED IN WRAPPING UP THE AGREEMENT MAY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS. THE AGREEMENT GIVES JAMAICA 51 PERCENT OWNERSHIP AND RETURN OF ALL LANDS USED BY THE COMPANY, WITHOUT INCREASING COSTS TO THE COMPANY. IT GIVES KAISER THREE

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YEARS OF STABILITY BY FREEZING THE LEVY RATE AT THE CURRENT 7! PERCENT OF INGOT PRICE.

THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER THE SAME PACKAGE DEAL TO ANY COMPANY OBTAINING 60 PERCENT OF ITS RAW MATERIALS IN JAMAICA (REYNOLDS, REVERE AND ANACONDA). IT IS UNCLEAR AT THIS POINT WHETHER THE OTHER COMPANIES WILL BE INTERESTED IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT BUT IF THEY SHOULD REACH SIMILAR AGREEMENTS, THE EFFECT WILL BE TO ISOLATE ALCOA AND ALCAN AND INCREASE PRESSURES ON THEM TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS.

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